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SUBJECT: FRANCOPHONE FOREIGN MINISTERS AND SUMMIT MEETING;;
PARIS, MAY 1978

1. AS ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE, ANNUAL FRAMCOPHONE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR PARIS MAY 10 THRU 12, TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE FRANCOPHONE SUMMIT MAY 27. LAST YEAR'S FRANCOPHONE MEETINGS IN DAKAR WERE ATTENDED BY MOST FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS AND MANY CHIEFS OF STATE (RWANDA AND GUINEA WERE TWO EXCEPTIONS), AS WELL AS BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM BISSAU AND CAPE VERDE. AS A MATTER OF POLICY, CAMEROON ATTENDS NEITHER FRANCOPHONE, NORCOMMONWEALTH MEETINGS.

2. FROM THE WASHINGTON OPTIC, TOPICS FOR THIS YEAR'S CONCLAVE WOULD LOGICALLY INCLUDE THE GISCARD FUND, SOVIET-CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA, THE HORN SITUATION, WESTERN SAHARA, CHAD AND FRENCH INVOLVEMENT THERE, AND, PERHAPS, THE FLEDGLING WEST AFRICAN (CEAO) NON- AGGRESSION PACT.

3. ACTION REQUEST: WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEE POST REPORTING ON PLANNED ATTENDANCE AT SUBJECT CONFERENCE AND POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION. YOUR REPORTING WILL BE PARTICULARLY TIMELY IN VIEW OF PROJECTED US FRENCH BILATERALS ON AFRICA

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